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Arizona Department of Public Safety Officer arrests 15-year-old driver with almost 400 Pounds of Marijuana

On Tuesday, July 31, 2007, around 5:25 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted by a DPS Canine Handler, with K-9 "Alex," westbound on Interstate 10, near milepost 209. The vehicle, a 1997 Land Rover, was stopped for a traffic violation. As the DPS canine handler approached the vehicle he saw what appeared to be a bale of marijuana inside.

A probable cause search of the vehicle was made. K-9 "Alex" was deployed and approximately 391 pounds of marijuana was uncovered inside the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was identified as 15-year-old Marco Bojorquez of Nogales, Arizona. He was arrested for Possession of Marijuana, Transportation and Sale of Marijuana and was booked into the Pinal County Jail in Florence, Arizona. The 1997 Land Rover was seized.

The 391 pounds of Marijuana seized was part of the 8,000 pounds of marijuana seized by Arizona Department of Public Safety officers and Criminal Investigators during the month of July

The mission of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, one of the most dynamic state-level law enforcement agencies in the United States, is to protect human life and property by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, assuring the safety of the motoring public on Arizona's highways and providing vital scientific, technical and operational support to other criminal justice agencies. The Department, also one of Arizona's largest law enforcement agencies with some 2,200 sworn and civilian employees, consists of four divisions – Highway Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Justice Support and Agency Support. The Department is headquartered in Phoenix and has offices located in more than 80 communities within Arizona's 15 counties.